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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 25, 2002, setting a three month shortened statutory period for response.

IN THE CLAIMS

A clean copy of the amended and new claims is included below. A marked up copy of the entire set of claims is included in Appendix A.

Please amend claim 25 as follows.

25. (Once amended) A prosthesis comprising crosslinked tissue having an exogenous polypeptide growth factor associated therewith.